



SEXUAL OFFENDER TREATMENT PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 8, 2004

PLACE: Department of Health
20435 72nd Avenue S, Suite 200
Kent, Washington 98032

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Deborah Doane
Ione S. George
Bruce Harris
Jan Horning
Jack Sowers
Judge Gary Tabor
Lang Taylor
Roger Wolfe

STAFF: Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General
Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director
Traci Black, Program Manager
Kitty Slater, Program Manager
Hyon Yi, Staff Support

PUBLIC MEMBER: Victoria Roberts, Department of Corrections

CALL TO ORDER

Lang Taylor, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The agenda was approved as presented. The January 12, 2004 and October 20, 2003, minutes were approved as presented.

Exam

Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director, reported the difficulties staff is experiencing with retrieving information. Program staff has made numerous contacts with different States

and organizations in attempts to obtain information regarding exam administration, but have had little or no response. The committee suggested we contact Ohio University and the Institute of British Columbia to obtain information regarding whether they have an SOTP program and whom we might contact for more information. The committee continued to discuss processes and monetary issues surrounding creating a new exam. Kitty Slater, Program Manager, will work on gathering information on other states processes. The exam will be discussed at future meetings.

Disciplinary/Licensing Report

Kitty Slater, Program Manager shared the following statistics: (As of March 4, 2004)

License Statistics:

Full Certification Sex Offender Treatment Providers:

Active-103

Inactive-3

Expired-32

Affiliate Sex Offender Treatment Providers:

Active-48

Inactive-0

Expired-76

Totals for Both Certifications

Active-151

Inactive-3

Expired-108

Candidate-42

Complaint/Disciplinary Statistics:

Open Cases 2

Intake/Assessment 0

Investigation 1

Case Disposition 1

Program Report

Budget- Kitty Slater, Program Manager, presented the December 2003 budget report for the Sex Offender Treatment Provider program. Kitty reported the areas the budget that are slightly overspent are Investigative services, Legal services, and Attorney General support. The overspent budget areas are related to one specific disciplinary case.

Newsletter- Kitty Slater, Program Manager, reported that Jack Sowers and Bruce Harris had mentioned at the previous meeting that they had articles for the Newsletter. Kitty discussed the further need for articles to be submitted for the Newsletter. Bruce Harris, Committee Member, provided a sample of the Department of Correction's Policy on Sex Offender Visitation Reunification. Bruce discussed the relativity of the Policy to the Newsletter. Committee members agreed to continually work on getting more articles for the Newsletter to Ms. Slater.

Committee Vacancies– Kitty Slater, Program Manager discussed the three reappointments and one new appointment to the Committee. Current Committee members Lang Taylor, Judge Gary Tabor, and Ione S. George will be reappointed preceding all necessary paperwork. The defense attorney position on the committee has been vacant since July, 2002. The name of a defense attorney has been submitted for appointment to the committee. Upon approval of all paperwork, committee vacancies will be filled and the committee will be fully appointed. Program staff will continue working on vacancies as they occur.

Legislation –

House Bill 2400 & Substitute House Bill 2849

Victoria Roberts, guest speaker representing the Department of Corrections (DOC), discussed HB2400, relating to sentence enhancement for sex crimes against minors, with the Committee. Victoria discussed how the bill, if passed, might affect SSOSA & SSODA providers.

Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director, discussed HB2849, eliminating credentialing barriers for sex offender treatment providers. There was concern raised surrounding the affiliate providers needing fifty-percent of their hours completed before treating level III offenders. A meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2004, to discuss the bill in its final passage.

Committee Reports- Bruce Harris, Committee Member, discussed possible controversial training issues for providers relating to House Bill 2400. Jack Sowers, Committee Member, discussed the continued growth in Special Commitment Centers (SCC) and the new website for DSHS.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Future Meetings

The next committee scheduled is for May 3, 2004, in Tumwater.

Review of meeting

Hyon Yi, Staff Support reviewed the major points of the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Kitty Slater, Program Manager

Lang Taylor, Chair